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January 20, 2004

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Group Art No.: 2822

Serial No. 09/756,997 _____ :

Examiner: Christy L. Novacek

Filed: January 8, 2001 _____ :IBM Corporation
Bldg. 300, Zip 482Title: METHOD FOR ELIMINATING
DEVELOPMENT RELATED DEFECTS IN
PHOTORESIST MASKS _____ :2070 Route 52
Hopewell Junction, New York 12533AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

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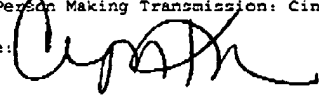
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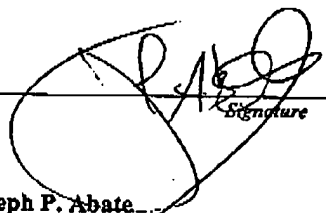
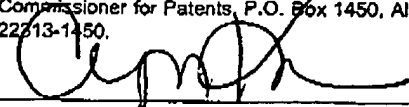
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)				Docket No. FR919990065	
Applicant(s):					
Serial No. 09/756,997	Filing Date 01/08/01	Examiner Novacek, Christy L.	Group Art Unit 2822		
Invention: Method For Eliminating Development Related Defects in Photoresist Masks					
<u>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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